



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #21 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: April 14, 2009 to May 18, 2009

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Region Elementary School #21 site. This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 1,008 cubic yards (1,513 tons) of soil from the site. The Site is a 2.74-acre rectangular-shaped area consisting of 12 parcels, including single- and multi-family residential properties, a recycling center, a vacant former commercial lot, a public park, and a commercial market. The Site is bordered by East 45th Street to the north, South Central Avenue to the east, East 46th Street to the south, and residential properties to the west. During site environmental investigations, concentrations of arsenic, lead, organochloride pesticides (OCPs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites were detected in shallow soils at all 12 parcels. Therefore, DTSC recommended that LAUSD remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on April 14, 2009, and ends on May 18, 2009.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ivy Guaño, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **May 18, 2009**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Vernon Branch Library, 4504 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles; Harmony Elementary School, 899 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles; 49th Street Elementary School, 750 East 49th Street, Los Angeles; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 West 7th Street, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment. Project documents can also be found at www.envirostor.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov; or Ivy Guaño, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5433 or email: iguano@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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